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### Yonkers Police arrest, charge Staten Island man in Bronx River Road homicide

Yonkers, NY – On Sunday, June 20th, 2021, at approximately 5 AM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the area of 463 Bronx River Road on a report of a man down bleeding from the head. Upon arrival officers located an unresponsive male victim down on the ground with an apparent head injury; First Responders immediately rendered medical aid including CPR and transported the victim to a local area hospital where he ultimately died. Upon examination it was discovered that the victim suffered an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Police Officers cordoned-off the area and initiated a criminal investigation.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene and interviewed subjects and witnesses, recovered surveillance video, and processed forensic and ballistic evidence. With limited initial information, investigators were able to identify the victim, a 22-year-old resident of the State of Delaware; and working backwards traced his past movements and developed associate information including a person of interest. Over the next five months, in collaboration with prosecutors from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, Detectives worked to enhance the case and bring charges against the suspect. On December 19th, 2021, Yonkers Police Detectives and members of the FBI Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force canvassed a residence in Staten Island, New York, and located the suspect. He was found in possession of a loaded, illegal Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun.

Investigators believe that the victim and suspect were acquainted, with a history including ties to Delaware. The men travelled together to Mount Vernon and crossed into Yonkers while possibly searching for a car service. While in Yonkers, investigators allege that the suspect displayed a handgun and shot the victim in the head, the violent culmination of several disputes between them over personal matters. The suspect then fled the area, including later traveling to Delaware.

The suspect is identified as Eric Lamont Prince WILLIAMS, a 22-year-old resident of Staten Island, New York. WILLIAMS was charged in Richmond County with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2', a Class C Violent Felony in the New York State Penal Law; he was remanded and transferred to Yonkers Criminal Court where on January 3rd, 2022, he was charged and arraigned on one count of Murder 2', a Class A-I Violent Felony in the New York State



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Penal Law. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's

The victim is identified as Jabree West. The City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police Department offer their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

The Yonkers Police Department would like to thank the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the FBI Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force, the NYPD 120 Precinct Detective Squad, and the New Castle County Division of Police Criminal Investigations Unit for their invaluable assistance in this investigation and commitment to public safety.

**NOTE:** Booking charges are merely accusations and the defendant(s) are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law. ###





